

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

Minutes of the meeting of the ROCA Committee held at 8pm on 16 October at Roseworthy College. 1995

Present

Harry Stephen, Allan Alcock, Mia Stephens, Andrew Michelmore, Dale Manson, Brian Hannaford, David Cooper, Harry Stephen, Prof Malcolm Oades, Peter Dunn

The President also welcomed Mike and Tessa Wake as participants representing the 25 year group in 1996.

Apologies

Bardy McFarlane, Jennifer Schilling, Peter Fairbrother

Welcome

- The President welcomed the 1995-6 committee members, especially Mark Rodda who joined the committee as a current residential student.
- The President took the opportunity to pay tribute to the work of long-serving previous committee members who had not renominated - Ian Rice, Jack Richards and Peter Lewis (who had been a member of the committee for 31 out of the last 33 years). It was moved by Harry Stephen and seconded by Peter Dunn that a letter of appreciation be sent to those retiring members.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 July

Andrew Michelmore commented on the account of discussion regarding the Award of Merit and pointed out that the elements discussed are taken into account in considering the Award.

It was moved Brian Hannaford, seconded Dale Manson that the minutes be accepted subject to the alteration of the figure quoted in the Treasurer's Report as \$11,000, which should read \$5,280.

Business arising from the minutes

Harry Stephens asked about the letter to the Faculty expressing concern about changes to the practicum for the degree course in Agriculture. The president responded with the news that a consultant, Basil Baldwin, had been appointed to make recommendations on this aspect of the course and that Ian Rice had input to that consultation.

Brian Hannaford reported that the badges for committee members were black and white because black and pink had not been available.

Peter Dunn asked about the letter of appreciation for Harold Woolhouse and Allan Alcock read the letter that he had handed Harold prior to his departure (copy attached). Malcolm Oades reported that Professor Woolhouse had been invited to give the Rupert Best memorial lecture. The meeting unanimously supported the Board's decision to invite Professor Woolhouse to become an Honorary Fellow of the College and resolved that Professor Woolhouse also be nominated for Life Membership of ROCA. Moved Brian Hannaford, seconded Andrew Michelmore. Brian Hannaford was asked to notify Prof Woolhouse of the Committee's decision to recommend his appointment at the 1996 AGM, during his forthcoming visit to Norfolk.

Attention was drawn to the existence of a list of Life Members and Mia Stephens undertook to locate it.

President's report

The President thanked Malcolm Oades for his helpful presentation of issues at the preliminary meeting of members with the Directors.

He reported having hosted a BBQ for the 25 year group at the House on the Hill on Sunday 10 September. He then went on to report that some consideration had already been given to activities that might involve the 1996 25 year group and that was why he had invited Mike Wake to attend the meeting.

Faculty report

Following on from Malcolm Oades' presentation of issues, there was discussion about plans for the College within the Faculty strategic plan. This ultimately relates to the strategic plan of The University of Adelaide which sees the university emphasising development in the direction of research and postgraduate study. There is now a ceiling on undergraduate EFTSUs [Equivalent Full-time student Units] of 1007 and while this translates into a reduction in funds available for undergraduate teaching, it also can lead to increased expenditure on research infrastructure such as the \$2 million recently approved for Roseworthy Campus (\$600-700,000 for Agronomy and Farming Systems, \$400,000 for Environmental Science and Rangeland Management and developments in Agricultural Business and Animal Science). Prof Oades asked for suggestions for research projects in Animal Science.

There was further discussion on the matter of Clause 4C and the disciplinary measures available to students and staff to protect serious students from the activities of troublesome students who could not be removed from the Campus. Malcolm Oades undertook to find out which university group could be approached to have the matter discussed. Mark Rodda pointed out that Roseworthy Security was rarely rostered beyond midnight. This is in contrast to North Terrace and the University of South Australia where security operates 24 hours.

Roseworthy College Report

The preliminary meeting of ROCA members with Board members and with senior residential students provided a comprehensive overview of College affairs. It was remarked by all parties that the success of these interactions should encourage us to continue the practice as often as possible.

Allan reported on:

- 1 The erection of the Chewings Memorial and Mia, David and Dale recorded approving comments on the location and progress;
- 2 The appointment of Jenny Lamont as Development Officer;
- 3 The offer of the Honorary Fellowship being extended to Harold Woolhouse;
- 4 The negotiations for formal representation for the College on Faculty Board. That proposal has now been approved by Faculty Board and will now proceed to the Senate for approval.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the ROCA net equity is currently about \$37,500 and at 29th September the balance of the Current Account was \$2,545.95.

We have had some large bills relating to the Digest, such as \$579 for production of the 8 pages, \$379 for printing, \$182 for invitations, \$ 460 for envelopes and \$719 for postage.

The Treasurer made the observation that we can only afford to produce one or two Digest each year. It was decided to aim for one in Autumn and one in Spring.

The Annual Dinner made only a small profit, perhaps only \$150.

The Auditor has made the request that a list of receipts be kept and so 2 books have been purchased at \$4 each for this purpose.

There was some discussion of the fact that the Auditor had requested that a list of members be made available. Although this can be produced, Peter Dunn commented that it was an unusual demand.

It was resolved that \$40 membership subscriptions be accepted.

It was resolved that the report be received.

ROCA annual dinner and AGM report

There was consensus that the food had been excellent and the management very smooth, and gambling on the success of that AGM and dinner, Brian reported that the Feathers Hotel has been tentatively booked for next year. A date of 6th September was suggested and Andy Michelmores is to check how this articulates with the Royal Show. This will be the 70th anniversary of the Annual Dinner. Participants will be asked on their invitations to BYO nametags and Mia suggested that a prize be awarded for the most unusual/bizarre/interesting recycled nametag.

Business without notice

Mike Wake was invited to address the meeting and he conveyed the verve and interest which his group had towards their forthcoming 25th year celebrations.

Mike presented 4 ideas to the meeting on the matter of how to share his group's positive experiences with the rest of the college community:

1 That memorabilia from the 25 year group be presented to the college for safe keeping and analysis, and for the enjoyment of others.

2 That ideas on how to celebrate the 'Big Weekend' of the 25 year reunion could be extended from the present barbecue type format to 3 or 4 functions which could even include something like a careers night where Old Collegians could meet with current students.

Mark suggested that this might include an "EXPO" where businesses might like to present their wares, and Mike suggested that a celebratory dozen of wines might be sold.

3 That the magazine from next year's 25 year group, which has been published every year since they graduated 24 years ago, could be made available to the College as a resource for others to use - for graduating students to use as a model, for Communication students to analyse and for the Alumni office to make use of.

4 That a video of the 25 year group could be produced by using newly produced material, together with material which the group has kept, to form a record of one group's experience as Roseworthy graduates over that extended period. This could be used to promote the College as well as to provide pleasure for other ROCA members.

It was resolved that a subcommittee be formed to consider further these and any other initiatives. Membership of the sub-committee to include Allan Alcock [convenor], Jenny Lamont [Development Officer], Mia Stephens [Communications expertise], Mike Wake [25 year group], Peter Dunn [40 year group] and Mark Rodda and Sandra Schilling.

The inaugural HAC vs RAC golf challenge will be held at the Mount Barker District Golf Club on Sunday 26 November. (refer attached notice)

Date of next meeting

Next meeting is to be held on Monday 11 March 1996 at Roseworthy College

Another diary note: the next meeting of the Port Lincoln sub-branch will be held on 24th/25th February 1996

Items for next meeting agenda:

The Award of Merit - discussion paper to be provided by Andrew Michelmores
ROCA Trust Fund - discussion paper to be provided by Barty McFarlane